

Remark

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 1, 10, 12, 14, 18, 19, 22 and 25 have been amended. Claims 4-6, 11 and 29-32 have been canceled. Therefore, claims 1-3, 7-10 and 12-28 are now presented for examination.

Claim Objections

The numbering of claims has been objected to as not in accordance with 37 CFR 1.126 which requires the original numbering of the claims to be preserved throughout the prosecution. The dependencies of Claims 12 and 14 have been corrected to refer to the apparatus claim rather than the method Claim 11 is canceled.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 6 and 11-14 objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claims 6, 5, and 4 are incorporated into Claim 1. Claim 11 is incorporated into Claim 10. Accordingly, Claims 1 and 10 and the claims which depend thereon are believed to be allowable.

Claim 18 is amended to incorporate the limitations of amended Claim 10 in method form and is believed to be allowable therefore together with the claims that depend therefrom.

Claim 24 is amended to incorporate the limitations of amended Claim 1 in method form and is believed to be allowable therefore together with the claims that depend therefrom.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections have been overcome by the amendment and remark, and that the claims as amended are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the rejections be withdrawn and the claims as amended be allowed.

Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Request for an Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension.

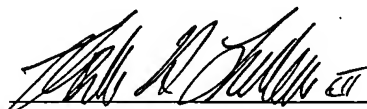
Charge our Deposit Account

Please charge any shortage to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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